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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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FROM AF/C

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, MILI, PORS, GB

SUBJECT:SALE OF ESCORT VEHICLES TO GOG

REF: A) STATE 208467; B) LIBREVILLE 1642; C) STATE 209363;
D) LIBREVILLE 1666

1. REGRET THAT INFO IN REF (A), RECEIVED AT THIRD HAND
FROM GEORGE STRIKE OF HESS AND EISENHARDT, NOT ENTIRELY
ACCURATE. PAYMENT FOR CHECK HAS NOT ACTUALLY BEEN REFUSED.

2. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, AS UNDERSTOOD RPT UNDERSTOOD BY
HESS AND EISENHARDT'S FINANCIAL MANAGER, IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ON JUNE 29, CHECK SENT THROUGH 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF
CINCINNATI TO CITIBANK NEW YORK, THENCE TO CITIBANK/
LIBREVILLE;

(B) CITIBANK/LIBREVILLE MISHANDLED CHECK. INSTEAD OF PRE-
SENTING IT TO BGL FOR PAYMENT, CITIBANK SENT IT BACK TO
NEW YORK OFFICE;

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(C) CITIBANK/NEW YORK RECEIVED CHECK JULY 23, AND ON SAME

DAY MAILED IT DIRECTLY TO BGL. LETTER FROM BGL DATED
AUG 2, RECEIVED NEW YORK AUG 11, ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT;

(D) CITIBANK SENT TELEGRAM TO BGL ON AUGUST 11, AND
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE, REQUESTING THAT FUNDS BE
CABLED TO NEW YORK. NO REPLY, YET, FROM BGL (COMMENT: BGL
MAY BE WAITING TO DISCUSS CHECK WITH MAYILA).

3. OBVIOUS FROM ABOVE THAT MAIN CULPRIT, IF ONE NEEDED,
IS CITIBANK/LIBREVILLE. HOWEVER, SINCE BGL HAS APPARENTLY
HELD CHECK WITHOUT PAYMENT FOR ALMOST FOUR WEEKS (FYI -
LEGAL LIMIT IN U.S., ADMITTEDLY NOT APPLICABLE OVERSEAS,
IS 24 HOURS), EMBASSY INTERCESSION WOULD APPEAR JUSTIFIED.
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